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that water goes. Senator Hefner, could you answer that for me. Do you know what other states do where they have an abundance of tiling? I know that in Iowa for sure they have tiled an enormous amount of their land and it runs into some kind of a drain, I'm sure, and gets to the river eventually. I guess my big concern about this is how it affects the rest of us and I thought we had our problem fairly well solved and we, of course, in developing land we had problems of providing a drain if there wasn't one. I can't imagine not being able to run whatever water is excess down a natural drain. Senator Hefner, could you enlighten me a little bit on that?

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Hefner, would you respond please.

SENATOR HEFNER: Senator Kahle, I do have some information on what Iowa and Minnesota has done, but at the present time I can not find that. But as soon as I find that I'll probably be using that in my closing.

SENATOR KAHLE: All right, that will satisfy that part of it. I just don't like to pass legislation for a few farmers that are having a problem between each other, that happens all the time, and it might affect the whole State of Nebraska and be a detriment to the rest of us. So that is my concern. Thank you.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Schmit.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Mr. President and members of Legislature, Public Works Committee wrestled with problem for some time. We did hold a hearing at Senator Hefner's request in northeast Nebraska last year. There is substantial problem up there and one which I commend Senator Hefner for having the courage to address. it does deserve discussion and deliberation on this floor. The reason that we put the bill out in this form is that we wanted you to understand that at the present time this would totally reverse, in my estimation, the law of natural drainage. I think we ought to consider that very carefully. I have not discussed this with Senator Hefner, but I would propose and I'm having drafted an amendment which would